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20 x 20

On the front cover of this issue is a 20 x 20 array of the numbers from 1 to 400 arranged in a spiral. The cells in the array are identified by columns, from one to 20, left to right, and by rows, from one to 20, top to bottom. Each cell can thus be labelled as $A(I,J)$. Thus we wish to have:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} A(1,1) & = & 400 \\ A(2,2) & = & 324 \\ A(3,3) & = & 256 \\ & \cdot & \\ & \cdot & \\ A(18,18) & = & 226 \\ A(19,19) & = & 290 \\ A(20,20) & = & 362 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \\ \text{..examples..} \\ \\ \end{array}$$

Part 1 of this Problem, then, is to generate the 400 numbers in the proper cells in the array A.

We then wish to be able to shift any row or column by any number of cells, in circular fashion. That is, we want a subroutine to shift row Q, R cells to the right, with the numbers shifted off the array at the right appearing in the same row on the left end. Thus, for $Q = 11$, $R = 3$, row 11 will become:

233 298 371 334 265 53 86 127 176

If $R = 20$, there will be much activity, but the row will appear unchanged. To shift a row to the left by W places, let $R = (20 - W)$.

Similarly, we want a subroutine that will shift column S up by T cells. Again, if $T = 20$, the column will appear unchanged. To shift a column of the array down by Z, let $T = (20 - Z)$.

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The center of the array is this:

	Col. 10	Col. 11
Row 10	4	3
Row 11	1	2

The following actions are to be performed:

Shift row	11	1 place to the right
Shift column	11	1 place up
Shift row	10	1 place to the left
Shift column	10	1 place down.

Following that, the rows and columns just outside the center (namely, rows 9 and 12; columns 9 and 12) are to be similarly shifted two places; that is,

Shift row	12	2 places to the right
Shift column	12	2 places up
Shift row	9	2 places to the left
Shift column	9	2 places down.

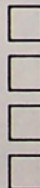
This procedure continues, moving out from the center, until finally we:

Shift row	20	10 places to the right
Shift column	20	10 places up
Shift row	1	10 places to the left
Shift column	1	10 places down.

The final status of the array is shown on the back cover.

Producing that result is Part 2 of this Problem.

Everything called for is now done, and the result is recorded. Precisely; and we now have a splendid coding assignment, readily defined, with an enormous amount of detailed work to be performed--all leading to a known result (that is, it is known if we have done our work correctly). Try it--it appears to be quite simple.



Take/Skip Revisited

Probably the most spectacular problem we have so far published (and certainly the one that attracted the most interest and work) first appeared as the K-Level Sieve in issue 38, but was soon dubbed the Take/Skip Problem. A brilliant solution by two University of Toronto students, Tom Duff and Hugh Redelmeier, appeared in issue 43.

Contributing Editor Edward Ryan observed that the technique used in "...Or Not Recurse" in issue 75 could apply to the Take/Skip problem, and that therefore a fairly efficient implementation of Duff and Redelmeier's solution could be made in elementary BASIC. Let us restate the original problem:

Start with the positive integers. At each level, K, of the procedure to be followed, the numbers that are outputted from level K-1 are to be sieved by accepting K numbers and rejecting K numbers, alternately. What numbers will survive all levels of sieving?

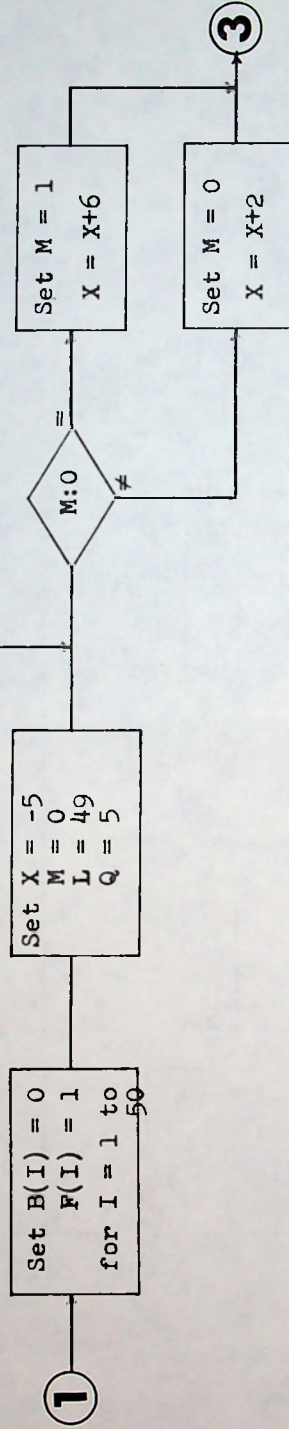
The positive integers form level zero. Level 1 accepts one number and rejects the next; thus the output of level 1 (which constitutes the input to level 2) is the sequence of odd numbers.

Subsequent levels will deal with the following sequences:

2	1	3	9	11	17	19	25	27	33	35	41	43
3	1	3	9	25	27	33	49	51	57	73	75	81
4	1	3	9	25	57	73	75	81	123	129	145	147
5	1	3	9	25	57	145	147	193	195	201	...	

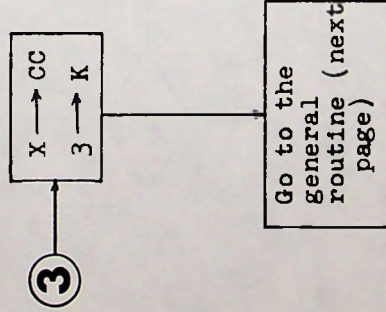
Each level passes on to the next level exactly half of the numbers it receives. Thus, for a million numbers treated at level zero, just one number will emerge at level 19.

The point to focus on, however, is that each level treats just one number at a time, and rejects it (and that number is then seen no more) or accepts it and passes it on to the next level. So if we observe the numbers that survive to any given level, say level L, then as long as those numbers are less than 2 to the power L, they are numbers that will survive all levels of the sieve.



K is the level number
 Each B is a counter for the corresponding level K
 Each F is a flag, at level K: $\begin{cases} 0 = \text{reject} \\ 1 = \text{accept} \end{cases}$
 X is the generator of the data
 M is a switch control
 CC is a bucket for moving X from level to level.
 L defines the number of levels to go to
 Q defines at what level you wish to see the results

This routine, starting at reference 2, is working at level 2, generating the data at that level.



TAKE/SKIP Bucket Brigade




```

100 DIM B(50)
110 DIM F(50)
120 FOR I = 1 TO 50
130 B(I) = 0
140 F(I) = 1
150 NEXT I
160 X = -5
170 M = 0

500 IF M = 0 THEN 600
510 X = X + 2
520 M = 0
530 GOTO 700

600 M = 1
610 X = X + 6

700 CC = X
710 K = 3

1000 IF F(K) = 0 THEN 1100
1010 IF K > 10 THEN 1200
1020 B(K) = B(K) + 1
1030 IF B(K) >= K THEN 1300
1040 B(K) = 0
1050 IF F(K) = 0 THEN 1400
1060 F(K) = 0
1070 GOTO 1300

1100 CC = 0
1110 B(K) = B(K) + 1
1120 IF B(K) < K THEN 500
1130 B(K) = 0
1140 IF F(K) = 0 THEN 1500
1150 F(K) = 0
1160 GOTO 500

1200 IF CC = 0 THEN 1020
1210 PRINT K, CC
1220 GOTO 1020

1300 K = K + 1
1310 IF K > 48 THEN 500
1320 GOTO 1000

1400 F(K) = 1
1410 GOTO 1300

1500 F(K) = 1
1510 GOTO 500

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Possible program in BASIC for the TAKE/SKIP Bucket Brigade

Line 500 is Reference 2 of the flowchart

Line 700 is Reference 3 of the flowchart



Penny Flipping VII

There are two stacks of coins numbering C coins in each stack. Initially, both stacks are all heads up. The accompanying illustration is for $C = 3$.

The first stack follows the procedure of the first Penny Flipping problem; namely:

Flip the top coin, then the top two, then the top three, ..., and so on until the entire stack is flipped; then start over with the top one, the top two, ...

The number of coins that are tails up in the first stack at each stage is the number to be flipped in the second stack. Thus, the top coin of the first stack is flipped to start, which gives one tail, which dictates flipping one coin of the second stack. This procedure continues until both stack again become all heads up. For $C = 3$, this takes 36 flips, as shown. The results for cases 2 through 40 are given.

The results for previous penny flipping problems were distributions that oscillated wildly. This latest version, due to Ralph Montgomery of St. John's Community College, which would appear to be even wilder from its description, turns out to be (at least for 40 cases) remarkably well behaved.

As usual, the point of the problem is to provide an interesting coding exercise (the penny flipping problems lend themselves well to integer BASIC or machine language) for which test results are available. We solicit further results for values of C greater than 40.



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0 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 1 0
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2	3
3	36
4	48
5	100
6	288
7	112
8	256
9	972
10	1800
11	3630
12	2640
13	13104
14	14112
15	1500
16	26880
17	4896
18	7776
19	5928
20	22400
21	10584
22	166320
23	63480
24	44352
25	12000
26	1784640
27	83160
28	332640
29	90828
30	187200
31	34224
32	59904
33	670824
34	125664
35	465500
36	221616
37	229400
38	307800
39	267696
40	8078400

The distribution of results
is fairly smooth, except
for the two anomalous
numbers here.

More results,
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41	12647844
42	766080
43	433440
44	107448
45	32400
46	154560
47	145512
48	193536
49	229320
50	13110000

Penny flipping VII results March 1979



THROWBACK Revisited

The THROWBACK problem (Number 193) was on the cover of issue number 55. The problem was this:

Given all the positive integers starting with 3:

3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

The leading 3 specifies throwing it (the 3) back 3 places, putting it between the 6 and 7. This process now repeats, as shown here:

4 5 6 3 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

5 6 3 7 4 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

6 3 7 4 8 5 9 10 11 12 13 14

3 7 4 8 5 9 6 10 11 12 13 14

and we count the number of throws to bring each higher number to the leading position, giving a table:

4	1
5	2
6	3
7	5
8	7
9	10
10	14
11	19

In issue 58, this table was extended to line 48, largely as a result of work done by William Bourn, who did it with a program in APL. The current interest in BASIC prompts us to present a program in that language to implement a solution. But this leads us to a new problem.

In the original version, the results appear to follow the rule:

$$F_{n+1} = \left[\frac{4}{3} \cdot F_n + 1 \right],$$

at least for the first 48 results. This indicates that the number 100 will first appear at the head of the stream of numbers after some 2,731,288,000,000 throws have been made.

Now suppose that the starting sequence of numbers began with 10, rather than 3. In the BASIC program, these two changes will get the result empirically:

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120 A(I) = I + 9
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140 X = 11
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and the resulting table begins:

11	1		19	9		27	26
12	2		20	10		28	29
13	3		21	12		29	32
14	4		22	14		30	36
15	5		23	16		31	40
16	6		24	18		32	45
17	7		25	20		33	50
18	8		26	23		34	56

The new problem is to reach a logical conclusion as to when the number 100 will first arrive at the head of the stream.

```

100 DIM A(100)
110 FOR I = 1 TO 100
120 A(I) = I + 2
130 NEXT I
140 X = 4
150 N = 0

200 K = A(1)
210 FOR I = 1 TO K
220 A(I) = A(I+1)
230 NEXT I
240 A(K+1) = K
250 N = N + 1
260 IF A(1) = X THEN 500
270 GOTO 200

500 PRINT X, N
510 X = X + 1
520 GOTO 200
530 END

```

Program in BASIC for
the original THROWBACK
problem.



Penny Flipping Again

Hopefully, a final report on the first Penny Flipping Problem. See previous reports in issues 23, 25, 71, and 73.

The last reference (issue 73, page 18) reported on research by David E. Ferguson, he who runs the Ferguson Tool Company. Mr. Ferguson adds the following results now:

$2^k \pmod{a}$ can be computed in at most $2k$ adds (average $3k/2$ adds). Since $\Phi(2C+1)$ is always even,

$$2^{\Phi(2C+1)/2} \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{2C+1}$$

and since $\Phi(2C+1) \leq 2C$, $n \leq C$, n can be computed in at most $2C$ adds (average $3C/4$ adds).

Also, if $2C+1$ is prime and

- (a) $C \equiv 1$ or $C \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ $f(C) = C^2/d - 1$ where d is a proper odd divisor of C .

Corollary 1: If C is a prime $\equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, then
 $f(C) = C^2 - 1$

Corollary 2: If C is twice a prime, $f(C) = C^2 - 1$

- (b) $C \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ $f(C) = C^2/d$ where d is a proper divisor of C .

Corollary 3: If C is a prime $\equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, then
 $f(C) = C^2$

- (c) $C \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$, either

(C1) $f(C) = C^2/d - 1$ where d is a proper even divisor of C ; or

(C2) $f(C) = Cd$ where d is a proper odd divisor of C .

- (d) $f(C)$ is of the form $nC-1$ if and only if $f(p_1)$ is of the form n_1p_1-1 for every prime divisor, p_1 , of $2C+1$. (This accounts for the thinning out of this form for higher values of C .)
- (e) A general expression for $f(C)$ can be written in terms of the prime factorization of $2C+1$ which will work in all but very rare cases; namely, when $2^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p^2}$; e.g., when $p = 1093$.
- (f) My " $f(C)$ " is your " N "; my " n " in $2^n \equiv \pm 1$ is not related to your " N ".

Meanwhile, using very little analytics, but clever coding (by Associate Editor David Babcock) and enormous amounts of computing power, the table of results for the first penny flipping problem from issue 71 can now be extended. For stacks of coins from 240 to 539, and from 1000 to 1103, the number of flips is given in the accompanying table.

In the review of the TRS-80 by Larry Clark in issue 75, Mr. Clark was credited with appearing in the film "JOSS." The confusion was natural, inasmuch as he was in charge of the JOSS project at The RAND Corporation for some time. The film appearance, however, was in the AFIPS film "It's Your Move."

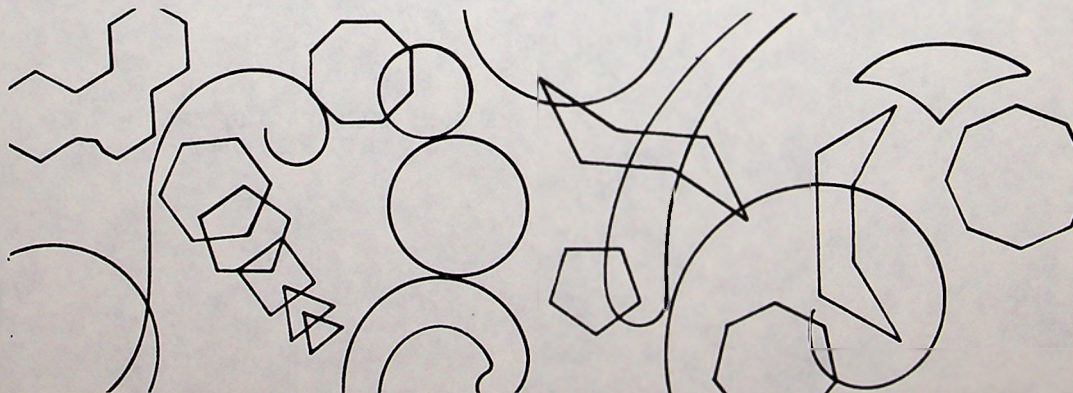
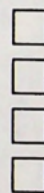
240	4319	290	71340	340	38419
	15906		75660		3750
	11616		3504		11627
	59049		85848		26068
	19763		26460		26831
	60024		57820		39674
	13776		21903		10380
	14820		7128		95772
	26040		59004		13920
	20666		89401		20242
250	41500	300	7500	350	122499
	63001		9932		12636
	12599		66440		32384
	39468		91809		105900
	64515		25536		125315
	2295		84180		27690
	2303		93635		19580
	52428		6140		21420
	59340		23715		85204
	44548		95480		128881
260	33799	310	61380	360	18360
	68120		10263		8664
	15720		77999		25339
	10520		14084		43923
	66792		22608		88451
	23054		14175		20440
	7979		33179		44651
	56604		8876		30828
	23851		26712		60719
	56490		66990		45386
270	72899	320	10239	370	13320
	48780		34346		137641
	4895		9016		27527
	74528		104329		45878
	16440		46979		118932
	69300		9750		140625
	10764		106275		9399
	9972		85020		22620
	77283		5904		142883
	23436		108240		41690
280	11200	330	108899	380	72199
	78960		7944		13716
	3947		11952		9168
	15282		102564		133284
	40327		24716		73727
	16244		20100		6160
	54340		8063		148995
	63140		60660		7740
	20735		114243		13968
	27744		16272		70020



390	27300	440	24200	490	17640
	98532		194480		241081
	10191		51272		48215
	154448		196249		68034
	103228		9324		76076
	33180		60074		245025
	11879		184644		7439
	20644		159132		196812
	158403		59136		82667
	73416		62860		17964
400	26400	450	46800	500	30000
	36090		18942		116232
	53064		40679		66264
	108004		205208		235404
	81607		136200		127007
	54674		41405		21210
	109620		93479		23275
	131868		27420		42588
	25703		178620		42672
	4908		70227		259080
410	168099	460	23459	510	86699
	168921		193620		5110
	8240		41579		5119
	170568		47226		80028
	171395		107647		151116
	38180		58590		265225
	69888		144460		66563
	138444		18680		68244
	37620		54756		62160
	175561		73164		269361
420	170519	470	220899	520	89959
	14734		103620		231324
	32915		16992		93960
	139590		223728		182004
	19927		17064		68643
	168300		150100		91874
	181475		16183		56808
	15372		181260		221340
	91591		66920		7920
	184040		97716		46552
430	25800	480	74400	530	280899
	185761		76478		281961
	37151		46272		74480
	58888		233289		127920
	169260		34848		95051
	57420		47044		12840
	20928		67068		67535
	131100		29220		75180
	191843		119071		192604
	128188		53790		265188



1000	308000	1040	540799	1080	583199
	143142		1083680		110262
	200400		287592		77904
	222666		1087849		1061340
	421680		30276		26016
	202004		41800		1080660
	60360		138072		141179
	60420		875292		152180
	169343		182352		505920
	48432		1100400		395306
1010	325220	1050	199500	1090	263780
	412488		735700		1139004
	546480		220919		432432
	1026168		44226		796796
	1028195		37944		1083060
	686140		1113025		170820
	484631		23231		61376
	183060		291732		320324
	48864		266616		1113371
	1038361		343116		268156
1020	79559	1060	318000	1100	38500
	346118		509280		404066
	104243		212400		92568
	11253		752604		1216609
	11263		283023		
	897900		1134224		
	1052675		249444		
	69836		64020		
	452320		570311		
	144060		117590		
1030	234840	1070	1144899		
	1062961		54621		
	359136		64320		
	161148		270396		
	1069155		109548		
	37260		767550		
	119139		578887		
	850340		185244		
	342540		774004		
	93510		60424		



Palindromic Numbers

As part of a larger problem, it is important to know whether or not the decimal representation of a number is a palindrome. A palindrome is something which "reads" the same forwards and backwards.

For example, the numbers:

1 44 323 5775 and -848

are palindromes, while the numbers:

12 344 67 -378 and 5050

are not.

The program segment below and the accompanying flowchart perform the required task.

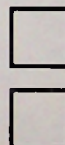
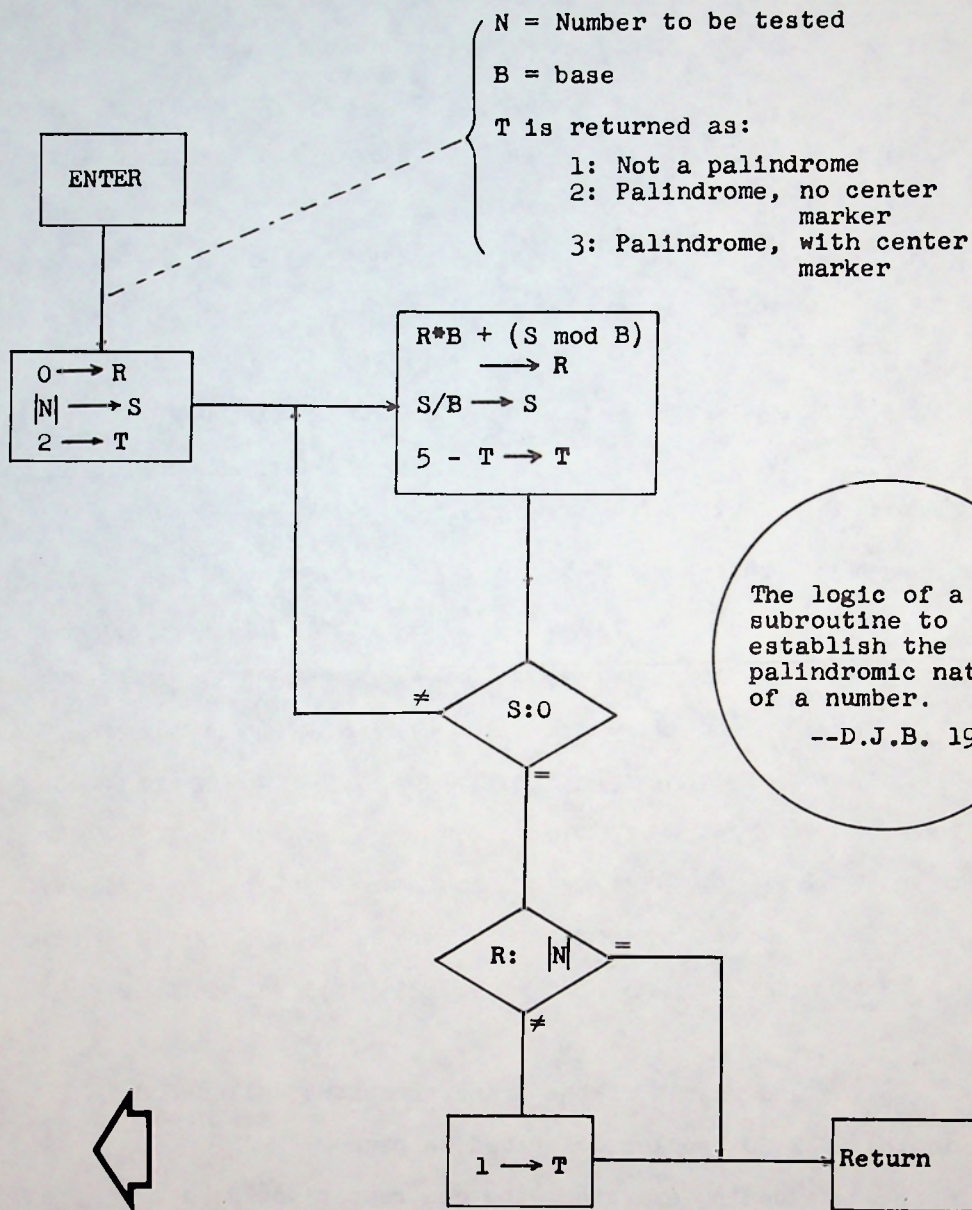
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INTEGER PROCEDURE PALINDROME (N,B);
    INTEGER N,B;

BEGIN INTEGER R,S,T;
    R:=0;
    S:=ABS(N);
    T:=2;

    DO BEGIN
        R:= R*B + MOD(S,B);
        S:= S/B;
        T:= 5 - T;
    END
    UNTIL S = 0;

    IF R <> ABS(N) THEN PALINDROME := 1
    ELSE PALINDROME := T;
END;
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371 247 187 135 91 375 374 373 372 298 400 370 369 368 367 112 160 216 280 352
297 296 188 136 92 302 301 300 299 233 380 325 324 295 294 293 159 215 279 232
231 230 229 137 93 57 236 235 234 176 306 379 326 257 256 228 158 214 175 174
173 172 171 170 94 58 179 178 177 127 240 305 378 327 258 197 196 126 125 124
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264 314 246 186 134 329 330 331 332 362 343 334 335 336 337 338 113 161 217 333

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The end result of the transformations called for
in the 20 x 20 Problem described on page 2.

As a coding exercise, the end result would be
checked sufficiently by printing just the main diagonal
elements of the array:

```

A(1,1) = 371
A(2,2) = 296
A(20,20) = 333

```